



Co-Occurring Joint Action Council (COJAC) Work Group Meeting Minutes, June 27, 2007

Participants

Policy Council Co-Chairs: Carmen Delgado (ADP)

Workgroup Co-Chairs: Cheryl Trenwith (CADPAAC) and Marvin Southard (CMHDA)

Workgroup: Dave Neilsen (DMH), Jim O'Connell (SMRS), Elizabeth Stanley-Salazar (Phoenix House), Carol Wilkins (CSH), Tom Renfree (ADPI/CADPAAC), Sandra Naylor Goodwin (CiMH), Al Senella (CAADPE/TTC), Frank Whitman (CMHDA), Vivian Brown (Prototypes), Mary Hale (ADPI)

Guests: Cassandra Loch (Prototypes), Sharon Rapport (CSH)

Other COJAC Staff: Darien De Lu (ADP), Alice Washington (CiMH)

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by the Workgroup Co-Chairs at 10:20 am.

The Workgroup Co-Chairs introduced the new members and guests.

- Frank Whitman (Merced Behavioral Health Director and CMHDA representative)
- Mary Hale (President of ADPI and the new Chair, Funding Subcommittee)
- Sharon Rapport (CSH)
- Cassandra Loch (Representative from Prototypes)

Minutes

The Workgroup members reviewed minutes from the last meeting. Al Senella moved to adopt and Marvin Southard made a second. The past minutes from April 2007 were adopted with no changes.

Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Policy Council Report

New Membership - Mary Hale is the new Chair of the Funding Subcommittee and President of ADPI. The Workgroup members would like to recommend another CADPAAC member.

Client and family member representation is needed. Such membership categories need to represent:

- Homeless
- transition aged youth (TAY)
- Lived experiences of substance use, mental health, and trauma

The Workgroup Members encouraged the inclusion of client and family members who can bring solutions to the table instead of advocacy.

MHSA Prevention and Early Intervention Briefing – Dave Neilsen reported that there is a need to receive education and information about Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) and COD. It was suggested that someone speak at the next CADPAAC meeting about this issue in order to discuss how COD can be addressed for both PEI and TAY at the next MHSA PEI briefing.

Update COD State Action Plan – The Workgroup agreed that there is a need to update the COD State Action Plan (SAP). Some of the items have been completed. There is also a need to change, update, or rewrite the SAP in order to reflect the current COD service/system issues and needs. No decision at this time; the State Action Plan rewrite will need to be discussed further at the next meeting.

The report on the dual Medi-Cal Certification project will be discussed in the Certification Subcommittee report. The project has support from both Department Directors.

The report on input for the Governor's Chronic Homeless Plan will be discussed in the Housing Subcommittee report.

State Reports

ADP

Carmen Delgado will be leaving ADP. She is receiving a promotion at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. ADP is working on a transition plan.

Note – Marjorie McKisson at ADP has been appointed as Acting Asst. Deputy Director, in replacing Carmen Delgado.

Alice Trujillo will be the new Office of Co-Occurring Disorders supervisor.

DMH/SS/ADP is applying for a federal "SOAR" grant so as to obtain training in assisting the homeless to apply for SSI disability benefits.

ADP will testify at the Little Hoover Commission hearing on June 28, 2007. This testimony is a follow up to the recommendation made in a report from years back. ADP has no obligation to act on the recommendation in the report.

The two Department Directors have been meeting and are establishing their relationship. They are developing future concepts to further COD services around the state.

DMH

Dave Neilsen stated this department is undergoing re-organization.

Subcommittee Updates & Outcomes

Action Item

The Chairs of the subcommittees need updated rosters. Anyone with information about the members of the Partnerships, Funding, Screening, or Licensing and Certification Subcommittees should provide that to Kevin Furey at the Office for COD:
KFurey@adp.ca.gov .

Partnership

Tom and Sandra met about a month ago in order to review their assigned tasks.

They presented the matrix outlining the issue for COD service use under Prop 36 (substance use (SU) and criminal justice) and Prop 63. The matrix summarized each proposition. The matrix then looks at COD services that can be provided using the Four Quadrant Model of Care.

Sandra Naylor Goodwin stated that the comparison between the two propositions is an analysis that overlaps with areas of opportunities. The Prop 63 (Mental Health Services Act - MHSA) shows what pieces apply to each of the four quadrants. It clearly shows Full Service Plan (FSP) for Quadrants 2 & 4 and Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) for Quadrant 1, but not PEI for Quadrant 3. The Workgroup Members stated that PEI could be added to Quadrant 3. The group reviewed the MHSOAC PEI Guidelines and felt a need to suggest COD be included in these.

Tom Renfree reviewed the Prop 36 portion of the matrix. These services are for adult offenders and TAY who are 18 years or older. The limits for these services are federal rules.

Funding is the challenge for both systems. There is a funding need to bring both up to speed with resources to meet client/family needs.

The Partnership Subcommittee may want to develop a policy paper to assert COD services/needs be included in the MHSOAC PEI guidelines... potential ADP policy paper.

The Workgroup may want to share this matrix with the MHSOAC so as to frame COD services for PEI.

Action Item

- Tom should include the two Departments in the review as this product is developed.
- Darien will share the programs/strategies that ADP is identifying for PEI so as to include these in the matrix or a policy paper.

Certification

Elizabeth feels progress has been made with different ADP staffs who have been helpful.

There is a joint dual Medi-Cal certification process being planned. This project has been presented to CADPAAC, and the Workgroup Members suggested that the same presentation should happen for CMHDA members.

Action Item

Elizabeth or AI should make the same presentation for CMHDA members.

The two departments have agreed upon a joint pilot for dual Medi-Cal certification with 4-6 sites. A work plan is being developed and will have tasks through the fall, 2007. A protocol is being worked out between the two Departments.

One of the goals of the joint pilot for dual Medi-Cal certification is to develop audit tools for mental health and substance use. There has been no identification of best practice tools that are integrated.

The Workgroup Members suggested that the DDCAT should be used as a reference point, i.e., a competency lens for the staff of the two Departments who will be conducting the site visits. As the DDCAT is administered, they can assess competency and education: How to use it for certification; how to become familiar with it; inform themselves about the joint certification; orient themselves as to what they need to pay attention to...and so on.

New business item – DDCAT suggested for statewide use; provide direct input to the two Department Directors.

Housing

The Subcommittee held their monthly meeting with support from Darien of ADP. The member participation is still a challenge. There is a need to have a broader range of stakeholders who have expertise in the area. The Workgroup Members may need to reach out for more people.

Recommendation on Draft 10 years Chronic Homelessness Action Plan: Paper from the Housing Subcommittee

At the last meeting, the Housing Subcommittee was tasked with developing recommendations and issues about the Governor's Homelessness Plan and to bring these back to Workgroup; no comments from the Workgroup Members have been forwarded to the Governor's office. Copies of CSH comments were sent to the Governor and were separate from the COJAC. The comments were pretty consistent with themes from the Housing Subcommittee.

The Governor's Plan may not address people who cannot receive MHSA services, mentally ill offenders on parole. The Plan will not end chronic homelessness if we rely solely on the MHSA Housing component, which is only for those with chronic and serious mental illness.

Some highlights of the Housing Subcommittee recommendations:

- Plan needs to set number goals – number of housing units – with a clear financing strategy to achieve the goal.
- Plan tends to assign responsibility to state agency groups but needs to show how goals would be linked to specific activities in the agencies and counties, how the linkages occur, and more specifics about the administrative structure.
- The plan needs to create incentives for local housing authorities to increase access to housing for people who are homeless and are/have involvement with criminal justice.

The Workgroup Members discussed the gaps that the Governor's Plan would not address:

- Need specific policy proposals to deal with housing needs of mentally ill offenders who are transitioning to the community.
- Need housing for *families* with a parent with COD...this would be a good population to focus on...the LA County Jail is doing work their population that might inform the Housing Subcommittee's work.
- The Housing Models Compendium developed by the Subcomm. includes information on structured housing initiatives: what has been learned from other states, how the states have invested in housing initiatives, what those might look like. That information can help identify the gaps in Governor's plan and MHSA funds.
- Elizabeth Stanley-Salazar talked about the TAY housing issues and barriers which are great, but not fully understood yet.

Carol Wilkins shared the research paper on long-term homelessness. The paper is still undergoing Federal review and is not being distributed yet.

Action Items

- In regards to the SAP, progress has been made and the work will continue on Action Plan item 5.1.2.
- The Workgroup Membership organizations can adopt the recommendations as they please, with a statement from COJAC saying, "We have made these recommendations to the two Department Directors and as a membership we can adopt as needed."

Vivian Brown moved that the Workgroup Members adopt the Housing Subcommittee's recommendation and give the recommendations to Policy Council Co-Chairs. The Policy Council Co-Chairs are asked to present the recommendations to the two Department Directors as input into the Governor's 10 year plan for chronic homelessness. There should be a report back from Policy Council.

Decision

Elizabeth Stanley-Salazar seconded. The motion carried.

Action Items

- The Policy Council Co-Chairs are asked to present the recommendations to the two Department Directors as input into the Governor's 10 year plan for chronic homelessness and to report back from the Policy Council.

Screening

Vivian Brown provided the data from the screening instrument pilots. The pilots were conducted at Tarzana Treatment Centers and Prototypes. The three pilot questions were positively validated. The administration of the screening tool was not a burden to staff or clients.

Issues to be addressed in future pilots?

- There is a need for it to be translated into Spanish.
- How to take beyond the two fields? Primary care? Schools? ER?
- Need cut points; Use but feedback data to understand usefulness with cut points
- Need to expand access to this tool
- Need to validate for gender and ethnic population
- Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) – how do we support publications of this work?

Vivian stated that the pilots, instrument and data would be presented at the LA COD conference.

Carmen Delgado (ADP) stated that a budget change proposal (BCP) by ADP will help to support Action Plan item 3.1— pilot testing of instruments. This funding would allow a two year pilot, protocols, training and curriculum for use in other counties and with other providers. The Workgroup Members were invited to give suggestions for the RFP for this project to Kevin Furey at the Office for COD: KFurey@adp.ca.gov, but can't apply for the funding if they help with the RFP.

Action Item

Vivian Brown will provide a summary of data from the pilots which will go to Policy Council who will present the data to the two Department Directors.

Funding

The issue of better training on COD and "Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment" (EPSDT) services was brought to the new Chair, Mary Hale. Another issue is that PEI and COD will need to be addressed, which may be done in connection with the Prop 36/63 matrix. Additionally, the new Chair will need to review the SAP

Action Items

- 1) Need a subcommittee roster in order to contact members for continued interest in their participation. Anyone with information about the members of the Funding Subcommittee should provide that to Kevin Furey at the Office for COD: KFurey@adp.ca.gov.
- 2) Need materials that have been developed – Funding matrix (Darien or Alice will have it.)
- 3) Carmen will e-mail John Challis, the COCE consultant and introduce him to Mary.

Old Business

Policy Paper for the MHSOAC

Tom Renfree (ADPI/CADPAAC) is working on a draft of the policy paper on COD which will be given to the two Department Directors with the encouragement to send to the MHSOAC. He has received comments from ADPI and will ask the Workgroup Members for their input.

There were questions and recommended additions/changes to the draft policy paper:

- ✓ It is good to reference priority populations.
- ✓ Make a strong statement about 63/36 funding
- ✓ Make a statement about the funds for provision of COD services in the community for parolees/offenders; there needs to be dedication source for education and training for the corrections system
- ✓ AB 900 re-entry services is an afterthought
- ✓ Use language like--changing "Endeavour to...devote," "COJAC recommends," "move to adopt," etc.
- ✓ Include all recommendations and papers that are out there and state that this policy paper is a response to the MHSOAC document
- ✓ Talk about the consequences of COD and the impact on multiple systems, homelessness, prisons, healthcare, child welfare, etc.
- ✓ Recommend housing options for COD mentally ill offenders
- ✓ Recommend MHSOAC PEI guidelines include COD

Action Item

- Tom will send the revised draft out next week in order to obtain feedback from the Workgroup Members. It will be revised again at the ADPI BOD meeting on July 19th. The Workgroup Members are welcomed to join their meeting at 9:30 pm by way of conference call. They can join and discuss the final revisions with the membership.

DDCAT (Dual Diagnosis Capability in Addiction Treatment Index)

There has been a presentation about the DDCAT to the Workgroup Members. Can the DDCAT be put on the COJAC website for recommended use? It is an assessment of competencies; what services are; gaps in training, etc. It is in the public domain and is a good resource for counties and providers to use.

- CIMH would like use the DDCAT in FSP rollout training and DMH recommends this rollout for county use. Marvin and Sandra will make a report to CMHDA about using the DDCAT an accountability tool for counties who are implementing the MHSA for system changes and FSP outcomes.
- ADPI will seek recommendations from their board on the July 19th call.
- ADP is interested in pursuing the DDCAT as a pilot. They would like to collect data from programs that use the instrument---when referrals happen to programs and who have used it.

All of these efforts will generate some interest to have the instrument implemented statewide.

It was suggested that another topic for an ADPI policy paper would focus on how to use the DDCAT---what it is, system level, provider and policy uses, etc. so as to inform county processes. ADP staff will check on funds for technical assistance from COCE to fill in blanks for the policy paper.

Past Action Item

Recommend the DDCAT to the two Department Directors for county use.

New Business

Select Committee on Alcohol & Drug Abuse

What are the issues to raise and messages to deliver to the committee about integrated treatment services? The issues and messages should focus on:

- Housing
- Drug Medi-Cal benefit
- Incarceration is not the way to fund COD

Who and Why of the Committee

Jim Beall (D-State Assembly) of Santa Clara is heading this effort. The committee has a lot of Southern CA membership, but is a bipartisan effort.

They will hold hearings around the state and develop legislation based on the input. They also want to hear what is going on around the state. Jim Beall is also carrying AB423, a bill on SU treatment.

Action Item

The Workgroup asks Michael Borunda and Michael Cunningham to inform the two Department Directors about the hearings and requests them to invite Jim Beall or an aide to a COJAC meeting, hopefully, before the hearings.

The Workgroup Members will also encourage consumers/family members and advocates to attend and participate in the hearings.

Next Meeting

[After an Aug. 13 deadline, this meeting is subject to rescheduling, due to the budget impasse.]

Aug. 22, 2007

Cal Endowment (LA)